

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To announce an opportunity for public comment on the Department of Environmental Quality's Civil Enforcement Manual.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 22, 2016 through October 21, 2016 (REVISED)

TOPIC OF PUBLIC COMMENT: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on draft, revised guidance used in its enforcement program. The draft, revised guidance addresses the procedures that DEQ staff use to resolve and prioritize alleged violations of environmental requirements and how to calculate appropriate civil charges/civil penalties in administrative enforcement actions for DEQ's Air Stationary Source Program, Land Protection and Remediation Programs, and Water Programs. Once final, the draft, revised guidance will supersede the current Chapters 2 through 4 of the DEQ Civil Enforcement Manual (Virginia Regulatory Town Hall ID: CEM-03, CEM-04, CEM-06, CEM-07, CEM-07A, and CEM-07BMemo).

The draft text can be found at:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Enforcement/PublicNotices.aspx>. Comments can be emailed to Lee.crowell@deq.virginia.gov